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**Claims 13-16, and 18-22 are elected and under consideration. (This is related to 10/506,622 and 10/506,387 submitted earlier). A membrane "made by a process" of "expanding" (i.e. by soaking or inserting the film in the liquid) a polymer film with a liquid of vinylphosphonic acid (claim 16), and subsequently polymerize (claim 19) the vinylphosphonic acid to harden the film. Note that the polymerization step (c) is not currently recited in claim 13 but is contemplated in claim 19 and the specification. The elected polymer species is the first benzimidazole polymer on page 17. Platinum is the elected catalytically active component (claim 22). Many thanks!**

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**Please give search request to Ms. K. Fuller. Many thanks!**